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## **USIBWC SEEKS APPLICATIONS FOR CITIZENS' COMMITTEE**

The United States Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission (USIBWC) is seeking applications from community members interested in participating in the Lower Rio Grande Citizens' Forum (LRGCF). The LRGCF was established in 2003 to facilitate the exchange of information between the USIBWC and members of the public about Commission activities in the Lower Rio Grande Valley of Texas.

The LRGCF is intended to bring together community members, enabling the early and continued two-way flow of information, concerns, values, and needs between the USIBWC and the general public, environmentalists, government agencies, irrigation districts, municipalities, and other interested parties. Duties and responsibilities will include reviewing and commenting on technical documents and activities associated with USIBWC projects in the area.

The LRGCF currently has 12 board members. All board terms are expiring so the USIBWC has decided to open the application process to the general public. Incumbent board members who wish to continue their service are eligible for re-appointment.

The board conducts regular public meetings in the Lower Rio Grande Valley, approximately four times per year, to discuss plans and issues related to ongoing and future USIBWC projects. Board members are expected to serve a two-year term and to attend all meetings. Participation in the Citizens' Forum is strictly voluntary and members will not be financially compensated.

Members of the public who would like an application for the Lower Rio Grande Citizens'

Forum can contact the USIBWC Lower Rio Grande Projects Office at 956-565-3150 or Public Affairs Officer Sally Spener at [sallyspener@ibwc.state.gov](mailto:sallyspener@ibwc.state.gov). The application and additional information are also available at: [www.ibwc.state.gov/PAO/CURPRESS/2005/LRGCFApp.pdf](http://www.ibwc.state.gov/PAO/CURPRESS/2005/LRGCFApp.pdf). Applications are due May 6, 2005 so that Board Members can be selected prior to the next public meeting on June 28.

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